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TRAINING FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified some youth organizations to train young volunteers for disaster management;

(b) if not, the reasons therefore;

(c) if so, the details of such organizations;

(d) the procedure for identifying such youth organizations;

(e) the agencies involved in imparting the training to young volunteers;

(f) the number of such training programmes conducted during the current financial year; and (g) the number of young volunteers enrolled in such training programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry dealing with disaster management and it has identified the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and the National Service Scheme (NSS), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, to train youth volunteers for disaster risk reduction and management.

(d) These youth organizations have been identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs after extensive interaction with these organizations for about two years in disaster management programmes. The main consideration in seeking their involvement is the extensive outreach of NSS among student volunteers and the grassroots level presence of NYKS among rural youth.

(e) &(f) Training programmes for volunteers of these organizations are conducted at state, district and sub-district level through involvement of their respective nodal departments/organizational set-up. The training programme for their officers have been conducted at the national level also for sensitizing and orienting them to different facets of disaster management. Training on disaster management is imparted in association with the National Institute of District Management (NIDM), the Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs), State Institutes for Rural Development (SIRDs) and other institutions/organizations working on disaster management issues such as YASHADA in Maharashtra. The resource persons trained under the GoI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme and the experts/specialists with some of the State Disaster Management Authorities, especially in the States of Gujarat, Orissa, Uttarakhand etc. are also associated with imparting training. The training programmes are conducted by these organiza tions and facilitated through the training institutions/organizations mentioned above. Participants for these training programmes are also mobilized by their respective nodal organizations.

(g) The NYKS has organized 8 training programmes on disaster management involving 314 youth. In addition, 5000 National Service Volunteers and 6000 Nehru Yuva Sathis deployed by NYKS were also imparted first hand orientation on disaster management. Similarly, the NSS has held 652 training programmes involving 1,73,220 volunteers on disaster risk rescue and relief operations.